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Be thankful...

'I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.'
Philippians 1.3-4



Dear Friends,

The relationship between gratitude and joy is one that is well researched and supported – but perhaps our assumption is that ‘when we are joyful, we can be thankful’.

However, it is the reverse which is actually true: as a Jesuit priest is quoted to have said: “It’s not joy that makes us grateful, but gratitude that makes us joyful.” This truth is expressed by Paul in the opening lines of his letter to the church at Philippi, which we will be reading through as a Church this Autumn – Paul’s thankfulness to God is experienced as joyfulness.

The regular practice of gratitude invites joy into our lives. There are certain habits which can help us to recognise and thankful for the good things, which cultivates joy in our lives. Some people reflect each day on something they are thankful for; saying aloud, or writing this in a journal, perhaps.

Quite often we share our ‘thanks’ with our children around the dinner table – with often a mixture of refreshingly surprising and profound things emerging which they are thankful for: from ice creams, frogs, pebbles and autumn leaves, to the love of family and friends, and of God.

The key, though, is not to wait for something astonishing to be thankful for – but to be consistent and deliberate in being thankful ‘little and often’ – then joy will grow. When growing a plant, it’s better to water it regularly, than to flood it with a deluge occasionally!

So, what are you thankful for today? Could you tell someone, or write it down? Could you tell God in prayer?

Could you try out deliberate thankfulness every day for a week, or a month, or a whole season, and see what grows?



Patricia

Curate

BYC is gathering pace!

It may have taken a while since the original vision, but the building work that is part of our Building Your Church (BYC) initiative at St Andrew's is reaching an exciting stage; Norman Steven has been closely involved, and we asked him some piercing questions...

First, Norman, for those new to the project, what is BYC exactly?

Building Your Church is a major project at St Andrew's, designed to improve how we can better serve the community here in Oxshott. This has been distilled into two major initiatives: first, funding a minister to have special responsibility for children and families. And second, by radically refreshing the ancillary buildings here at church, including the vestibule, hall, kitchen and toilets.

So, what is the exciting stage as regards the building work?

Well, our latest detailed plans were agreed by the church authorities, and have been granted planning permission; so, having raised almost all the funds we expect to be necessary, we are (as we go to press) imminently expecting to appoint the main contractor... and as we have been working in detail with the architects, prospective contractors and our project manager, we still anticipate work starting this month (September).

What is the timescale for the building work likely to be?

We have a working assumption that we will be fully using all the refurbished facilities by Easter 2024.

BYC

How will the building work affect the activities at St Andrew's?

Enormously! Once the work starts, we will no longer have access to the hall, corridor, kitchen, office and toilets, etc. But the church itself will still be open, accessed by the South door.

We have plans to relocate as many of the activities as we can; some of these can be moved to the church, usually in an appropriate corner(!) – for example, after-church refreshments. We will have temporary buildings in the grounds, to

accommodate the Church Office, toilets, storage, etc.

We may not be able to accommodate some of the larger services/events that we have been used to holding (for example, Harvest services for the schools). Flexibility will be the key!

Where can I see the detailed plans?

The detailed plans are (currently!) on display in the church vestibule, and, of course, they are on the Elmbridge Planning website (search for Application 2023/0365).

External features that are worth noting are the improved landscaping and shallower slope to the access ramp, and the extended canopy by the entrance doors.

How much more fundraising will be needed?

Our appeal sought to raise £780,000, and we are now (as we go to press) less than £80,000 short, with further initiatives in hand.

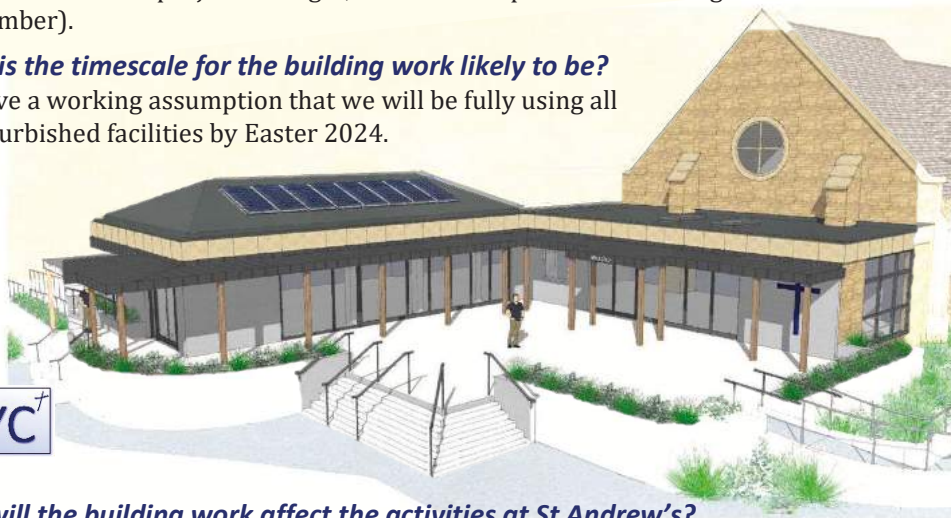
How can I help?

St Andrew's has been at the centre of the Oxshott community for over 100 years, and this is an exciting initiative to make all our buildings 'fit for purpose' - in the same way that the internal refurbishment in 2014 opened up the main church for new and wider activities.

Do please pray that things will move forward smoothly. And you may wish to contribute financially (*see the church website for details*) or even organize a fundraising event. And of course, there will be opportunities to be flexible and to help in a variety of ways as work starts 'on site' – look out for the news!

Whichever way you get involved, you will be part of a wonderful enterprise that will make a difference to Oxshott!

Norman Steven



Jasper's Big BYC Bike Ride – an update

Jasper successfully completed his 20-mile bike ride for BYC on 29 July – raising an amazing total of just over £2,000, by cycling from Bramley to Rudgwick, and back! Setting off at 10am from the old Bramley & Womersley Station, using the Downs Link path (an old railway track) and arriving back at 5.30pm – avoiding all the rain showers! We had snack and lunch stops along the way, and even had time to admire the view and watch the wildlife.

Jasper is so proud to have completed his challenge and raised such a good amount for BYC. Thank you to everyone who sponsored and encouraged Jasper!

BYC



Photo: Patrick Davies

Antiques: a notable and happy Valuation Day!

The long-anticipated visit of Ewbank's the auctioneers to St Andrew's took place on Saturday 8 July. **Ruth Burns** was there, and gives us her impressions of the busy day...

As we left Saturday morning prayers in church, we were all wondering what we might bring along to be valued later. Did any of us have anything interesting at home? Could you bring just a cup and saucer or a whole tea set? Maybe those pictures inherited from an aunt would turn out to have an exciting back story. We were anticipating a cross between *Antiques Roadshow* and *Fake or Fortune?*



As the day unfolded, there was a steady stream of folk with a multitude of different items: heavy statues in bags carried between two, pictures under arms, teddies and dolls carefully handled, jewellery tucked into bags and boxes, favourite vases and ornaments.

Sometimes the wait was quite long – especially for Mike on 'General', who valued over 70 items. Turns out that in Oxshott we have quite a lot of 'General', but it was very interesting to watch the unwrapping and emerging of items as you held on for your turn.

So much so that, inspired by what they saw, several people went home for a second batch of goods to be examined.



The scene in the church vestibule, where people checked in, and enjoyed refreshments and a natter



No trips to the Caribbean!

No one I met said they were off to the Caribbean on the proceeds as they enjoyed a post-valuation slice of cake; some were very pleased with their valuation – others realised that sentimental value doesn't always equate to monetary value.

Others were quietly generous and came out empty-handed, leaving their possessions with Ewbank's and these will be sold in September in aid of Building Your Church (BYC).

Ruth Burns



The church hall was a hive of activity! Representatives of Ewbank's, the auctioneers, gave their opinions on the wide variety of goods that had been brought along



Takings on the day from valuation fees and refreshments were over £800.

In addition, 15 items, with a combined lowest value estimate by Ewbank's of over £1,900, were generously donated for BYC.

So this event should add about £2,600 for BYC, and hopefully more!



Church Services in September

Sat	2	9am Saturday Prayers in church
Sun	3	The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>Philippians – a surprising joy!</i> 10am St Andrew's at 10
Tue	5	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	6	11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
Thu	7	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	9	9am Saturday Prayers in church
Sun	10	The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>I thank my God every time I remember you</i> 10am St Andrew's at 10
Tue	12	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	13	11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
Thu	14	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	16	9am Saturday Prayers in church
Sun	17	The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>For to me, to live is Christ</i> 10am St Andrew's at 10
Tue	19	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	20	11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
Thu	21	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	23	9am Saturday Prayers in church
Sun	24	The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>Having the Mind of Christ/The Christ Hymn</i> 10am St Andrew's at 10 7pm St Andrew's at 7
Tue	26	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	27	11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
Thu	28	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	30	9am Saturday Prayers in church

You are very welcome to join us for our services and prayers, in person or online:

- 10am Sunday services in church are also live streamed, via the church website
- Saturday Prayers take place weekly in church
- Pray Together sessions during the week are on zoom, via the church website

Our **Harvest Service**, at 10am on **Sunday 1 October**, will be an **All Age 'Café Church'** style service, and will be followed by a **'Bring and Share'** buffet lunch in church. It will be a chance to enjoy and give thanks for the many good things God has provided us. Please look out for details in church and via the Weekly News, and do sign up with what you can bring to share! We look forward to a really special time together!



A Rocha: wild flowers!

One of our more local Mission Partners is A Rocha UK, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world. **Carl Jackson** updates us on the nature reserve project that we support in Southall...

As part of our support for A Rocha, our monthly visits last year to Wolf Fields in Southall enabled us to prepare and seed a small wild flower meadow, and this year it is wonderful to see the changing vista month by month - just look at the June pictures!

A Rocha UK is committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment, and we are proud to help.

Carl Jackson



News & Notes

Expect the unexpected

Most organisations start a new term, or even a new year, in September.

But St Andrew's is starting... a new building!

As you will have seen from the BYC update (*page 6*), we are expecting building work will start this month (September), and this will obviously impact on our activities.

Initial work will involve the hall, offices, kitchen and toilets, etc., so when it starts, we will lose the use of the buildings past the double doors to the left of the vestibule. We may be able to use the vestibule for a while longer.

The main church will still function fully, accessed via the south door, and we plan to run all our normal services (*page 10*), although we may not be able to hold very large events as we have been used to. The main church, with its flexible space, will also accommodate many of the activities displaced from the hall, etc.

So please keep an eye out for adjustments to our meetings, etc., in the Weekly News and on the website – and expect the unexpected!



In September we commence our studies of the letter that St Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, then a prosperous Roman colony in Macedonia.

Our sermon series will look at Paul's encouragement of the local congregation - all the more remarkable when you consider he wrote to them from his prison cell.

The series will run until early November, breaking for Harvest (1 October) and Remembrance Sunday (12 November).

Mission Partners' Supper

ON Thursday 15 June we had a mission partners supper here at St Andrew's, with two guest speakers: one from Wolf Fields, an A Rocha project, and one from B@titude in Leatherhead.



A Rocha is UK-based, and among their activities is a programme for individuals and families who want to learn about nature together, and take practical action at home and locally (*see also page 11*).

B@titude is a shop in North Leatherhead selling good second-hand babies' and children's clothes, toys, games and equipment; it has evolved into a key part of the local community. Do please contact the shop on 01372 374666 if you want to bring in equipment.

We enjoyed a supper created by Adele and her team, and it was a great opportunity to meet up and strengthen our ties with these two partners.

Richard Bath

Bishop of Guildford's
Communities Fund

Walk the Wey 2023

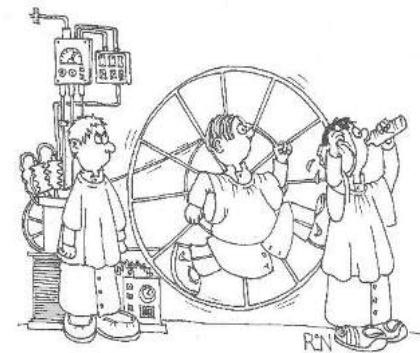


Sponsored walk 16 September 2023

Following the successful **Walk the (North Downs) Way** sponsored walk two years ago, Bishop Andrew is inviting you to join him once again for an enjoyable walk in the autumn sunshine. The last walk raised £4,300 for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, which provides funds for parish projects that help the disadvantaged and vulnerable across the Diocese of Guildford.

This year we are walking the Wey towpath with walks of varying length starting from West Byfleet, Send and Godalming. Bishop Andrew says: "I'm really looking forward to a great day's walking on Saturday, 16 September, and would love any walkers from across the diocese to join us! The Bishop of Guildford Communities Fund has never been so necessary, at a time when the cost-of-living crisis is making life extremely hard for some of the poorest in our diocese, and many of our churches are reaching out to them with the love of Christ. It'll be good to highlight that work, and raise some money along the way, as we walk and talk together."

To find out more about the walk go to www.bgcf.org.uk and scroll down the page, where you will find information about the routes, timing and how to sign up.



When the solar panels weren't working, there was 'Plan B'

Annual Memorial Service



Each year we hold a Memorial Service to remember the lives of all those who have died, especially those with any connection to St Andrew's, Oxshott. This year's service will be on the afternoon of Sunday, 29 October.

Each person who attends will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones, and to hear their names being read out. The service is open to everyone. So make a note in your diary if you may wish to attend; more details on how to participate will be available next month.

Putting its money where its mouth is...

Where is the Church's money invested? Here's news from those who handle it...

The Church Commissioners for England, which manages the Church of England's £10.3bn endowment fund, has decided to exclude all remaining oil and gas majors from its portfolio, and will exclude all other companies primarily engaged in the exploration, production and refining of oil or gas, unless they are in genuine alignment with a 1.5°C pathway, by the end of 2023.

In 2021, the Church Commissioners excluded 20 oil and gas majors from its investment portfolio. It is now also excluding BP, Ecopetrol, Eni, Equinor, ExxonMobil, Occidental Petroleum, Pemex, Repsol, Sasol, Shell, and Total, after concluding that none are aligned with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, as assessed by the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI).

The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, said: "We have long urged companies ... to align with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and pursue efforts to limit the rise in temperature to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. In practical terms that means phasing out fossil fuels, investing in renewables, and plotting a credible path to a net zero world. Some progress has been made, but not nearly enough. The Church will follow not just the science, but our faith – both of which call us to work for climate justice."

From the Registers



Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

18 June Charlotte Sienna Grace Jones

Marriage

We offer our congratulations to:

5 August Maria Bagherzadeh and Robert James Davies

Funeral

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

30 June John Frederick Baker (died 11 June 2023, aged 78)

Burials of Ashes

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

13 July Douglas Francis Freebody (died 12 October 2005, aged 94)

" Yvonne Freebody (died 11 April 2023, aged 100)

18 July Doris Butterworth (died 24 September 2022, aged 97)

More relaxing than I'd thought...

With some trepidation, **Jill Perrett** went along to a Relaxation Evening at the end of June, hosted by Laura Ebeid in the church hall. So how did it turn out?...

Firstly a confession ... I did not find the prospect of a relaxation evening especially relaxing. Not being especially co-ordinated, I have always tended to shy away from any sort of group physical activity. And if I'm being honest, my idea of a 'relaxation evening' is one spent curled up on the sofa with my husband and dog, watching TV and sipping a nice glass of wine.

But when Laura Ebeid made her very generous offer to run a relaxation evening to raise funds for BYC, the church building project, her infectious enthusiasm was hard to resist.

Far from being intimidating as I'd feared, the evening felt more like a slumber party as 20 of us arrived at the hall laden with mats, pillows and blankets. After a brief scan of the room to make sure I was on the right track, I allowed myself to follow Laura's expert guidance and amazingly found that I was enjoying myself. After a brief interlude for herbal tea and fruit, we returned to the hall for a Tibetan Sound Bath run by Bethan, which was another new experience. At the end of the evening I was so relaxed that I slept until 8am the next morning.

The evening raised £570 for BYC funds, and we are very grateful to Laura and Bethan for their generosity and to all who attended.

You are very welcome to come back when the building work has been completed.

Jill Perrett

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A new Bishop

The Venerable Paul Davies, currently Archdeacon of Surrey, is to become the next Bishop of Dorking...

Guildford has been home to the Bishop of Dorking designate and his family since 2017, with Paul serving in his current role as Archdeacon of Surrey, and sitting on the Bishop of Guildford's leadership team.

Originally from Pembrokeshire, Archdeacon Paul Davies read theology at the Universities of Wales and Oxford. Following his training at Ripon College Cuddesdon, he returned to Pembrokeshire to be ordained in 1997 at St David's Cathedral, where he began his ministry (and fulfilled his childhood ambition of serving on a lifeboat crew!).

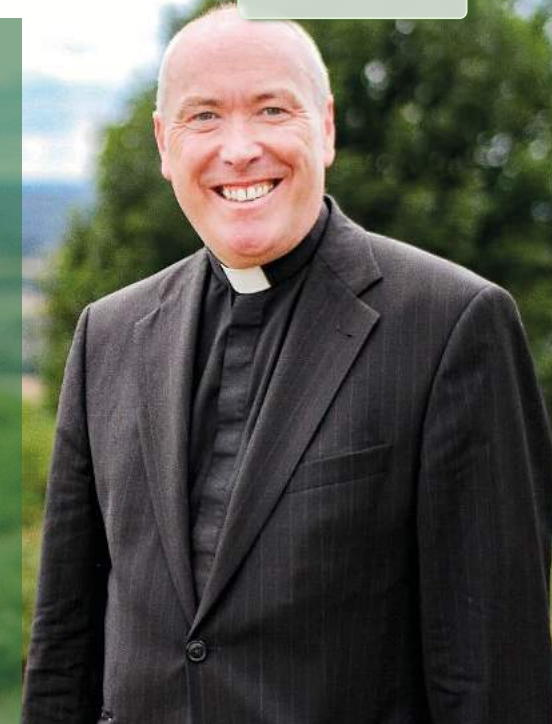
This was followed by successive appointments as a vicar in two Welsh parishes, and in 2012 he moved to North Wales to serve as Archdeacon of Bangor and Anglesey before, in 2017, swapping a rural Welsh patch for a mainly urban English one, as he took up his present appointment as Archdeacon of Surrey. This month, he celebrates 25 years as a priest.

Westminster Abbey and Guildford Cathedral

Paul, who succeeds Dr Jo Bailey Wells, will be ordained as a bishop in Westminster Abbey on 29 September. A service of welcome will be held at Guildford Cathedral on 8 October at 6pm.

He says, "Whilst I am slightly daunted by the responsibility to be entrusted to me... I feel immensely blessed to have been called to serve alongside Bishop Andrew in leading and caring for this diocese and, with the help of God, will do that to the very best of my ability."

Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Guildford, said, "Those of us privileged to work with Paul here in Guildford over the past six years have recognised just what a treasure he is: a godly disciple, a wise pastor, a gifted preacher, a keen strategist, and someone with extraordinary capacity for hard work." Bishop Andrew continued, "Paul and I will be sharing in episcopal ministry across the diocese, as together we continue to pray and work towards a Transforming Church, Transforming Lives. He will also have a particular brief to promote three areas, as Champion for children and youth, vocations and the environment. As Paul lays down one mantle and picks up another, I'm really excited at all that the Lord has in store."



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Excitement at the Oxshott Festival!

The Royal Kent School held its Summer Fête – the Oxshott Festival - on 1 July. It was an exciting day, as **Claudia Quintela** reports...



The Summer Fête is the highlight of the children's social calendar and is also a wonderful community event - after all, RKS has been the only state school in Oxshott for 203 years! The fête is by far the school's largest fundraiser, with previous events having funded valuable school infrastructure.

With close to 1000 people attending, the Oxshott Festival was action packed: a live band (thank you Snake Lake!), tasty delights cooked on the BBQ, loads of inflatables and games entertaining children and adults alike, competitions running throughout the day (including some very serious games of tug-of-war), lovely crafts made (thank you DibDab!), yoga (thank you JuvoLiving!), a gaming van, toys and sweets won in a tombola and a wheel of fortune, various treats, ice cream and cake stalls, many drinks poured by the professionally-run bar (thank you to Josh and Millie from The Bear (Esher)) and loads of activities offered by Chelsea Football, Oxshott Royals and Platform Coaching (thank you!).

A very special thank you to our sponsors: Grosvenor, Cala Homes, HSF Group (Volvo Leatherhead), Avery (formerly Signature), Oxshott Dental, The Victoria Oxshott, Cock A Doodle Dough and Elmbridge Electrical – this couldn't have been done without you!

Thank you also to the local community and businesses for the generous donations, to the parents, staff, and to everyone who attended, bought raffle tickets and bid at the auction - you have all been a part of raising the incredible £31, 731.11 raised for the school this year.

As you walk by Oakshade Road in the future, and you see the new playground equipment on the right-hand side of the school – you can all smile and say "I have been a part of making this happen". Thank you!



The Fête Team!

Claudia Quintela

Festival of Summer Fun at OVSC

With a variety of weather, and a variety of activities, the summer has been busy at OVSC, as **Sarah Murphy** reports...

We were blessed with scorching sunshine for both the padel tennis and tennis finals day, which were played on consecutive Saturdays in June. In blisteringly hot conditions, the sun shone on both days, with some fantastic play on show from all of the finalists taking part.

Following a wonderful afternoon of tennis finals, the cricket outfield was transformed into a summer festival vibe with music from singer songwriter Anna Anouska and a BBQ cooked to perfection by Luca enjoyed by young and old alike!



Wimbledon soon followed and the sunshine of June seemed a distant memory as rain showers marked the start of July! With the clubhouse suitably decked out with paper strawberries hanging from the ceiling and a fantastic chair made by Harriet from tennis balls (*right*), members enjoyed an afternoon watching the men's semi-finals with Pimm's and strawberries and cream, competitions and prizes as the rain continued to fall.

In a change of timing, the squash finals took place on 10 July. Three events were played, the Men's Open, the Handicap and Mixed doubles. Stuart Hibbert once again won the Men's singles, beating John Gemmell in a hotly contested match. Meanwhile Sam Conlan beat Greg Talbot in the handicap final and Stuart Hibbert and James Shattock won the doubles.



Squash: Stuart Hibbert, Winner of the Men's Open

The clubhouse has been a hub of activity this summer with BBQs, pétanque matches and tournaments, bridge section's summer lunch and cricketers watching the Ashes in between their own matches. Taking some inspiration, both the 1st and 2nd XI are now in possible promotion positions!

Challenges have been declared...

So, what's lined up for the rest of the summer? – a number of challenges have been declared between the sections, with the cricket lads having a go at netball, whilst tennis and padel players will be honing their skills on the pétanque terrain!



As well as junior summer camps for both tennis and padel, a new Bootcamp class has also started at the club on Thursday mornings.

For more information on all activities or membership at OVSC, please contact Fiona or Sarah in the office – email: office@oxshottsports.com

Sarah Murphy

What's On in Oxshott



September

- Tue 5 11.30am **Ladies Friendship Group:** Ploughman's Lunch in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 12 7.30pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** *An Urban Night Scene in acrylic*, With Joel Waring, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 13 2.15pm **The Arts Society, Claremont & Oxshott:** *From Bronze to Banksy*, with Ian Swankie, at Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon
- Fri 15 7.30pm **Oxshott Village Sports Club:** Quiz Night, at the Sports Club
- Tue 19 2pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** *Fish Go Deep*, with Jennifer Thompson, in Oxshott Village Centre
- 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute:** Flower Demonstration, with Anita Lee, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Sat 23 4.30pm **Oxshott Choral Society:** Verdi's *Requiem*, joint concert (with Godalming and Horsley Choral Societies and Epworth Choir), at The Theatre in the Woods, West Horsley Place (*see page 19*)

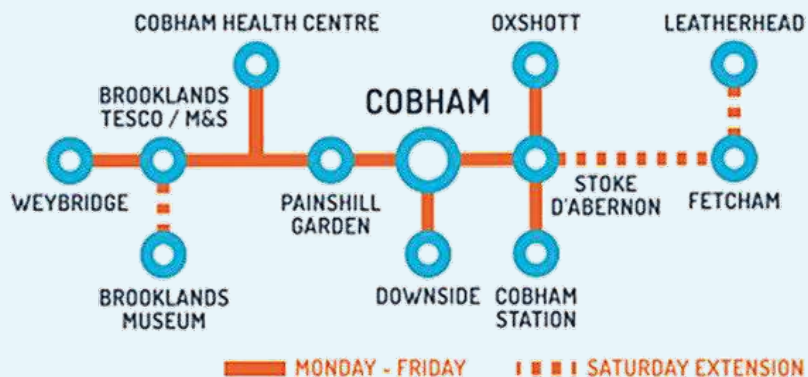
If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at magazine@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Have you ever used the Chatterbus?

It is more inspiring than you think - **Diana Thornton** explores the ins and outs of this valuable service for Oxshott...

Although I see the Chatterbus regularly at the top of Oakshade Road or opposite the Premier shop in Steel's Lane, it was invisible to me until I heard its founder, Lady Joyce Acher, speaking with great passion and commitment at the Oxshott Net Zero Village Day. The buses have been running since April 2015 and grew out of the realisation that another invisible section of our community, those living in transport poverty, were in dire need of help.

Looking at the A244, with cars nose to tail inching through Oxshott, it can be hard to believe that there are people living in our neighbourhoods who do not have a car to jump into and who were essentially cut off before the arrival of the Chatterbus service. The routes and timetables are planned carefully in order to get people where they need to be. The service (C1) links Oxshott with Cobham, calling



at Cobham station and the big Sainsbury's, going on to the retail park at Brooklands and terminating in Weybridge, where vital services such as the Jobcentre and further transport links are to be found. In the other direction, the Saturday service (C2) goes through Fetcham to Leatherhead.

A service for the community

From its inception, the Chatterbus has been a service for the community, not only in meeting people's transport needs but also as a social space. The helpful drivers set a friendly tone and for some people, travelling on the bus will be the only chance that day to have a chat. It's all in the name!

But it all costs a lot of money and the service needs our support. It is a unique not-for-profit service, managed by local people for the local community with grants from Surrey County Council and Elmbridge Borough Council covering about a third of the costs, fares covering a third, and the rest being met through donations from local businesses and community groups and charities.

Tickets are just £2 for adults and £1 for children, with concessions, and you can tap on or pay cash to the driver.

Track your bus online!

The full timetable is online and there is a tracker service online so that you can see exactly where the bus is. Look out for the new electric buses, which will be hitting the road in Oxshott soon.

I've heard people say that the bus isn't frequent enough to rely upon but if we

Digested timetable for Oxshott – please check details online

C1: Mon-Fri Oxshott to Weybridge via Painshill, Sainsbury's Cobham and Brooklands retail park.

Oakshade Road 10.09, 11.22, 14.25, 15.08, 15.32.

Return journey from Cobham High Street, 9.54, 11.10, 12.33, 14.13, 14.56, 15.21

The bus also stops at Steel's Lane shop and Kenilworth Avenue – check times online.

C2: Saturday service Oxshott to Weybridge as above:

Oakshade Road 9.07, 12.44.

Return from Weybridge 9.45, 15.30.

Return from Brooklands retail park 9.59, 11.18, 13.34, 15.42

C2: Saturday service Oxshott to Leatherhead via Fetcham:

Oakshade Road 12.15, 16.10.

Return from Leatherhead Lidl: 08.51, 10.33, 12.29, 14.40



don't use it and support it, there is no chance for it to grow. If you are in a hurry, it may not work for you, but using the bus may just be a question of changing habits or may require a bit of planning - so I've pulled out the timetable for Oxshott(above) to help with that.

I hope to meet you for a chat on the bus soon!

Diana Thornton

We made it!

A very successful Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society event means bigger plans for the future, as **Anita Lee** reports...

Our first Flower Arrangement Workshop turned out to be a very successful day, with both the in-house catered mini lunch and the members-lead workshop.

We have planned a similar event for our November meeting, but lead by a qualified demonstrator. And we will also have our regular meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of September and October.

If you are interested in joining us for any of these events, please contact our Secretary Anita Lee, on 07979 804668 or leea8971@gmail.com



Anita Lee

Inspiring creative artistry

OACS have made the best of what we are sure readers will agree, has been a pretty mixed summer! **Miranda Fuller** tells all...

At our last demo before the summer, popular artist, Tony Nield (*right*), produced a lovely line and wash painting.

A number of our members went on to enjoy open studio events, local art workshops and, some, en plein air painting. Our secretary, Sue Smith, with her painting, *View of Ranmore Common in Spring*, (*below*) won the Barbara Johnson

Memorial Award.

Sue later won Richmond Artist of the Year 2023 with a delightful ink drawing of the dining room at Marble Hill House, where she was given the rare opportunity to work within an English Heritage property. Sue was

congratulated on her award by the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames on 11 June (*right*).

Looking forward...

For our new, autumn programme, we have artist Joel Wareing starting us off on 12 September, with an urban night scene in acrylic.

Next, on Friday, 6 October, is our day's autumn workshop – an urban landscape in mixed media, with Christine Hopkins. From 10am to 4pm, the workshop promises to be very interesting and non-members can enquire by contacting sue.smith191@btinternet.com. And on 10 October we have our second demo: a still life in water mixable oils, by artist Max Hale - and don't miss our exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate from 6-12 November – check the times on our website.

As always, for £5 fee, non-members are welcome to our meetings, regardless of experience or expertise, and these take place on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7.30-9.30pm, at Oxshott Village Centre.

Miranda Fuller



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A new season for singing

On Wednesday 27 September, Oxshott Choral Society starts its exciting new season – could you join them? asks **Mike Newman**...

OCS, your friendly, local choir, is looking for new singers (especially in the lower voices!). We are always delighted to meet new members, but at the start of the season, we extend a special invitation to join us on Wednesday 27 September at 7.45-10pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Stoke D'Abernon.

This is an opportunity to meet members and the musical team, while enjoying refreshments, before warming up our voices to sing Mozart's much-loved *Requiem*.

During the term we will be rehearsing, on Wednesday evenings for the annual OCS Christmas concert of carols and seasonal music being held on 9 December. The choir will also be introduced to music being sung at the Leith Hill Music Festival on 12 April 2024 - Mozart's *Requiem* and Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music*.

There are no auditions and you won't be judged: many of our members have joined having not sung for some years. There is no commitment at this stage, we would just enjoy meeting you and to share the joy of making music, so, do come along.

For more information, simply visit our website www.oxshottchoral.org.uk or contact Sue Rees at membership.sec@oxshottchoral.org.uk

Mike Newman

VERDI REQUIEM
in the home of
Grange Park Opera



OCS singers are excited to be singing in a performance of the Verdi *Requiem* at West Horsley Place on Saturday 23 September.

200 voices, with an orchestra and excellent soloists, will sing this glorious operatic work.

For more information, see page 19 of this magazine - you can buy tickets through the link on the Oxshott Choral Society website: www.oxshottchoral.org.uk

Join our Ladies Friendship Group!



You will have noted from previous editions that the above group meets on the first Tuesday of the month (10am to 12noon) at the Oxshott Village Centre.

We are a group of retired ladies who enjoy having a good 'natter' over coffee, biscuits and quite often cake. We run a book club whereby members donate their own books and exchange them for those in our existing library. We also arrange a pub lunch at one of our local hostelrys and monthly book club which is usually held in a member's own home.

A topic for discussion is agreed a month in advance and all members are invite to take part. I am sure, if you care to join us, you will be welcomed by a friendly group of ladies bent upon having a relaxing, friendly, enjoyable morning.

If you would be interested in joining us, do contact me at angelahorne@aol.com

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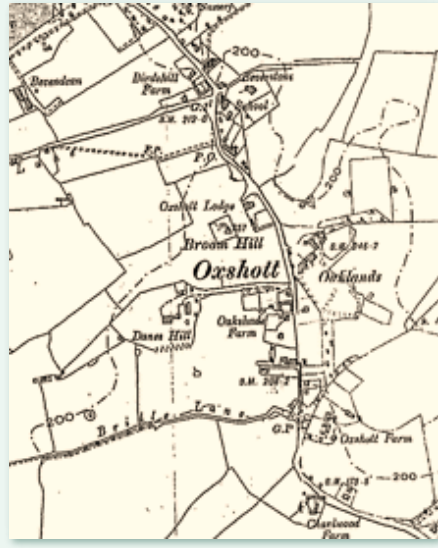
As you may be aware, a number of developments are currently being taken forward across Oxshott. These are all at various stages, so **Andrew Burns** gives his personal view on what the overall effect might be for our village...

Years ago, when researching the history of our house in Sheath Lane, we looked at some old maps of Oxshott at the Surrey History Centre in Woking. The earliest map - from nearly 300 years ago - showed a couple of isolated farms at Bird's Hill and Littleheath with a few small cottages between and empty woods, heaths and fields.

Jump forward a century, and by the time of the 1841 census little had changed. The census inspector visited 'The Hamlet of Oxshot' and listed 36 houses with most inhabitants recorded as farmers (including one 'Isaac Sheath'), agricultural labourers or gamekeepers and their families. By that time there was the Bear Inn, the Royal Kent School had been founded in 1820 and later came the Queen Victoria pub.

Development began in earnest after 1885 when the Oxshott and Fairmile railway station opened. The 1895 Ordnance Survey shows a few large houses such as Bevendean, Oxshott Lodge, Broom Hill, Danes Hill and Oaklands joining the school and the post office, as well as some houses near Littleheath Farm and around the new Brick Yard. Over the next century the thriving village that we know today developed. A cricket club moved from Bevendean fields to Crown Estate land on Steels Lane, with other fields becoming roads and housing estates. St Andrew's Church was built in 1912 and extended with a new hall in 1970. Scout and Guide groups started in the village, and later moved to the second-hand Verrey Hut in Waverley Road. The Royal Kent School moved from the High Street down to Oakshade Road in the 1950s, and in the 1960s the Village Centre was finished following a post-war fundraising campaign, with the surgery added in the 1980s. By this time there was a lively high street of shops - the post office, draper's and tea rooms were joined by butcher's, chemist, greengrocer's and even a little bank.

When Ruth and I arrived in the village in 2000, some of the community resources were already showing their age. St Andrew's had a vision to reach out to the community with better facilities, the Oxshott Village Sports Club was eager to grow membership in cricket, tennis, squash and bowls, some of the traditional High Street shops had closed and the scouts and guides were struggling in their dilapidated hut. I remember a pointed sermon soon after we arrived warning against the growth of gated homes where people just commuted from London and



did not interact with each other or the village. There was a fear that Oxshott could lose its heart and lose its sense of community and togetherness.

Happily, the last 20 years have seen huge improvements and we have more on the way, so I think we can look to the future with excitement and optimism. Although we lost the Oxshott Christmas Fair, it was replaced for many years with the tremendous Oxshott Village Day which (with the wonderful support of Fedora and other village organisations) brought residents together at the Sports Club.

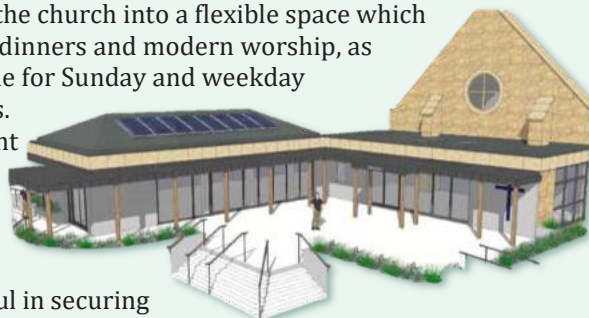
There has been a terrific revival in all sections of OVSC – particularly the massive junior Colts section of the cricket club, a new squash court, the popular pétanque club with its international grade facilities, a growing tennis section and, most extraordinary of all, the whirlwind growth of padel tennis. The opening of two padel courts (*right*) has seen a huge influx of members, both young and old, all enjoying this 'new' sport and the OVSC clubhouse and bar is now a very popular Oxshott destination. Padel is so popular that two new courts are planned on one of the old tarmac tennis courts, and OVSC's volunteer committee must be congratulated on their efforts to revitalise this century-old community resource.



More community developments

In 2014 St Andrew's Church completed the first phase of its development programme, transforming the interior of the church into a flexible space which now hosts school activity days, meetings, dinners and modern worship, as well as still providing the traditional venue for Sunday and weekday services, weddings, baptisms and funerals.

We will soon see a complete refurbishment of the tired 1970s extension, offices and hall, bringing an attractive front terrace and flexible space for church and community events (*right, and page 6*).



The Scouts and Guides were successful in securing £1.2m from Your Fund Surrey to replace the failing hut with a new Community Hub so that adventurous activities for our young people can go from strength to strength.

The old hut was a major limiting factor on what could be offered, but it is now being demolished and the new Hub (*left*) is due to be finished and opened at the end of the year.

That project has been a massive undertaking for the lead volunteers at the Oxshott Scouts and Guides who have put enormous work into ensuring the best future for the young people of the village, as well as a facility that can be used by lots of other community groups.

Our young people are also well supported by development at the Royal Kent School, which secured a proper new front entrance and a multi-use games

playground followed by the opening of the Ladybird Nursery and recently a lovely outdoor learning area. The RKS PTA has been running the most ambitious and enjoyable summer fêtes and festivals over the last few years, with the parent organisers and the school management combining to ensure the most is made out of our small but excellent church primary school.

Commercial revival

Oxshott has also seen a commercial revival on the High Street, with the busy Surrey Hills Butchers, the additional of a deli, coffee shop, Co-op, florist and hair salon. We have even had a fitness studio and an art gallery. The High Street is now a destination for many of the locals and is once more a bustling place to meet locals and celebrate together at Christmas, Jubilees and when the cycle race comes through. The local business people deserve our support and thanks for not allowing the High Street to die as in so many villages of our size. We even have two high quality restaurants in Bella Luna (replacing the Raja), and the Victoria becoming a nationally renowned gastropub.

Sadly, some of the High Street buildings have been barely fit for habitation or commercial use for a long time and there is finally a scheme to demolish the modern monstrosity and replace it with a building more suited to the road. There are also exciting plans for fishmonger's, grocer's and greengrocer's to join the Surrey Hills butchers and deli, the post office to resume its traditional Victorian location and new shops and businesses. This development should keep the High Street (*above*) going strong and allow Oxshott residents to shop locally and in a greener way while meeting up for coffee and going for a meal or a drink.



Although I strike this optimistic and upbeat note about the future of the village, I know that all redevelopment comes at a cost. The noise and disruption during the works at all of these projects will be unwelcome. We have become very used in Oxshott to construction vehicles and workers as the trend for demolishing houses continues and the local authority often encourages multiple homes where possible in order to meet its housing targets. The main roads are always busy and Oxshott is no longer the quiet hamlet of the 1840s. But the disruption will be temporary and the long-term benefits look enticing: great new community hubs at the church and scout centre, a popular and strong sports club and a vigorous, accessible and friendly high street of shops and small businesses.

All the things that I feared might slowly decline when we arrived in the 2000s are now getting a new lease of life thanks to a few remarkable people who are committed to their community.

Andrew Burns

Royal residence in AD 90

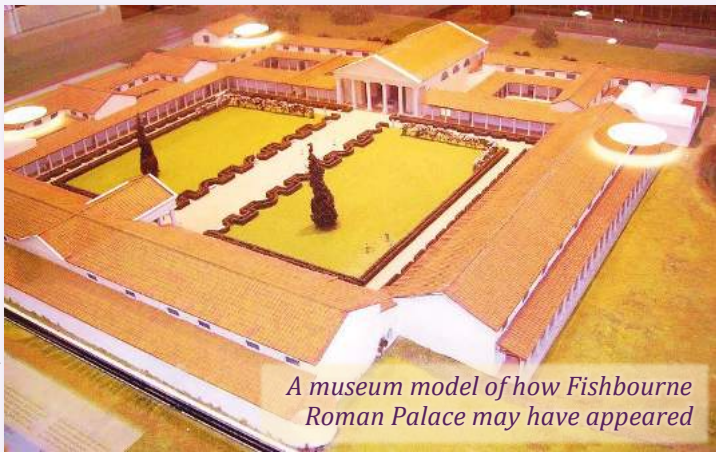
An Arts Society group enjoyed going further back in time than usual, when they visited Fishbourne Roman Palace in West Sussex, as **Nicky Orlebar** explains...

Built in the AD 90s, but abandoned in AD 270 following a fire (as evidenced by soot), Fishbourne Roman Palace had four wings with the main entrance portico facing east towards *Noviomagus* – now known as Chichester. Considered to be the largest Roman palace north of the Alps, it was lived in by Cogidubnus, a local ‘client’ king loyal to Rome.

Signs of Roman activity were first unearthed in 1805, but unfortunately, subsequent housing was to cover much of the site. To the south near a harbour inlet, remains lie beneath the A259 Bosham road.

But it was in the 1960s, while digging a trench for a water main, that workmen came across a building.

Excavations took place in what was revealed as the North Wing. Now roofed over for protection, viewing walk-ways lead visitors around the site.



A museum model of how Fishbourne Roman Palace may have appeared

Archaeologists, when lifting a surface of coloured stones (*tesserae*) for restoration, were surprised to discover a second mosaic underneath.

This earlier black and white floor had worn down in places,

then been repaired with Roman mortar before being overlaid.

Nearby, an uneven surface appears to have subsided, possibly into an earlier pit, while a door step shows signs of wear. A contemporary partition wall across a mosaic floor rather unfortunately divides a room in two. The hypocaust, a Roman underfloor heating system, would have helped in the English winter.

Fishbourne is justly famous for its intact mosaic of ‘Cupid riding a dolphin’. This large square mosaic in beige and grey on a cream background, has a central roundel showing Cupid, with mythical dragon-tailed horses in nearby semi-circles.

For the Arts Society, it was a day of turning detective, working out quite what the remains could tell us about life in third century Roman Britain.

Nicky Orlebar

Sudoku

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Last month's solution

Answers next month

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Think about it...

I've been trying to form a sarcastic club, but it's been really hard to tell whether people are interested in joining or not.

I entered ten puns in a contest to see which would win. No pun in ten did.

Spotted...

... in Kent



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- Building Your Church project:** Chair: Ron Stewart (byc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Children and Young People:** Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time. Special services are also held monthly for children and families, see **St Andrew's @4** (below). For weekday events, see **ABC** (above). Contact: the Church Office (01372 842071)
- Church Hall:** For bookings, contact the Church Office (01372 842071)
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- Lay Assistants:** Barbara Begley, Anita Harper, Phillip Herbert, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen Shand and Jackie Stewart
- Life Groups:** A number of Life Groups meet for study, fellowship and prayer on a regular basis throughout the parish. Co-ordinator: Patrick Fleming (life.groups@standrewsoxshott.org.uk or through the Church Office 01372 842071)
- Lunch Club:** Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, and generally appeals to people who are 60 plus. Leaders: Sheila and Phillip Herbert (01372 842301)
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- St Andrew's @4:** A monthly afternoon service in church, for everyone and especially those with primary-school aged and younger children. Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
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Cobham Area Foodbank: Serves Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon, the Horsleys and Effingham (01932 450282 or manager@cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk)

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Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Ward:

Andrew Burley (07503 830954 or aburley@elmbridge.gov.uk),

David Lewis (07771 505567 or djlewis43@btinternet.com),

Alan Parker (07917 521069 or alanparker.oxshott@gmail.com)

Councillors – Surrey County Council

Cobham Division:

(includes Cobham, Downside, part of Stoke D'Abernon and Oxshott, west of the railway line)

David Lewis (01932 590338 or 07771 505567 or david.lewis1@surreycc.gov.uk)

Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott Division:

(includes Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott, east of the railway line)

Mark Sugden (01372 463085 or 07548 244422 or mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk)

Counsellor: Fay Preston MBACP BACP-registered counsellor (01372 450742 or 07855 098995 or visit www.counselling-directory.org.uk/counsellors/fay-preston)

Contact information for local services

Services *(continued)*



Dentist: Dr Brian Cullen BDS (Shef), Oxshott Dental Practice, Winkfield, Steels Lane, Oxshott. Mon-Thur 8am-5pm; Fri 8am-4.30pm (01372 843552 or info@oxshottdental.com or visit www.oxshottdental.com)

Esher and District Citizens Advice Bureau: Harry Fletcher House, Civic Centre Complex, High Street, Esher (No service currently in person; by phone 01372 464770 Mon-Tue, Thur-Fri 10.30am-3.30pm; Wed 1pm-3.30pm, or via www.eshercab.org.uk)

FEDORA - the Voice for Oxshott CIC: Chair: Anthony Wolfe (chairman@fedora.org.uk)

Friends of Oxshott Heath: Contact: Jan Fuller (janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk), Elizabeth Chovil (e.chovil@ntlworld.com)

Health Visitor and Cobham Health Centre: (01932 867231)

Hospital Accident and Emergency Department (A&E): Epsom General Hospital, Dorking Road, Epsom KT18 7EG

Meals on Wheels: Contact: The Community Support Services Team at Elmbridge Council (01372 474552 or commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk)

Osteopath: Anja Davidson MSt, Wellmead Osteopathy, Steels Lane (01372 897497 or info@wellmeadosteopathy.co.uk)

Oxshott Care: Local voluntary Help Scheme (07950 478329). Phone attendance Mon-Fri 9am-12 noon, answer machine at other times

Oxshott Village Centre: Bookings Secretary: Alexandra Horne (01372 841892 or ovcbookings@aol.com or visit www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk)

Physiotherapist: Leigh R. Hopper MCSP SRP, Oxshott Physiotherapy Practice, Sunridge, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott (01372 844449 or oxshottphysio@btopenworld.com)

Police: Cobham, Stoke D'Abernon & Oxshott: Police Sergeant Rob Thomas & Police Officer Andy Lawrence. Elmbridge Borough Commander: Inspector Bert Dean

Police Station: Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD (elmbridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

To report a crime or incident, call 101, the number for all non-urgent calls

In a genuine emergency, requiring urgent police attendance, call 999

Patient Participation Group (PPG): Patients, carers and GP practice staff who meet to discuss local practice issues. Contact: Oxshott Medical Practice (01372 844000)

Royal Kent School, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0LE (01372 842495) Church of England Primary School, ages 4 to 11. For details of admissions, please contact the School Office. **Headteacher:** Katie Hancock **Governors:** David Young (Chair), Katie Hancock (Headteacher), Sue Bailey, Joe Blaney, Revd Patrick Davies, Louise Emmett, Stuart Heeks, Helen Howell, Laurie-Ann Lamb, Tonia Lovell, Revd Frances Trickey, Ria Woodhouse

SSAFA: Leading national charity helping members and ex-members of the Armed Forces and their families (01372 462796 or surrey@ssafa.org.uk)

Victim Support: Free confidential support after crime. Contact: Supportline (08 08 16 89 111) or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk

All the details you need to join in

Local Clubs & Societies



1st Oxshott Scouts: Meetings: Squirrels (Fridays 4.30-5.30pm), Beavers (Mondays 6-7.15pm), Cubs (Tuesdays 6.30-8pm), Scouts (Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm), Explorers (Mondays 7.30-9pm) (oxshottscoutgroup@gmail.com) www.oxshott-scouts.org

Girlguiding Oxshott: Meetings: Rainbows (girls aged 5-7: Tuesdays 4.15-5.30pm), Brownies (7-10: Tuesdays 5.45-7.15pm), Guides (10-14: Tuesdays 7.30-9pm), Rangers (14-18: Wednesdays 7.30-9pm). Contact: 1stoxshottbrownies@gmail.com

Ladies Friendship Group: Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)

Le Cercle Français d'Esher: Evening talks in French on 3rd Wednesday of each month from October to June in West End Village Hall. Contact: Brigitte Tiller (01372 842095 or brigitte@ptiller.com)

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: This friendly group of artists and craftsmen meet for a demonstration at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of most months. Guests are welcome. Full details on our website (www.oxshottartandcrafts.org)

Oxshott Badminton Club: If you play badminton why not join us on Tuesday evenings (September to May). Contact: Geoff Moyle (01372 843844 or geoffdot@ntlworld.com) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or ashokdivya@aol.com)

Oxshott Bridge Club: Duplicate bridge on Wednesday evenings at Oxshott Village Centre. Enquiries to Secretary: Janet Kefford (01932 863541)

Oxshott Choral Society: Meets Wednesday evenings in Stoke D'Abernon Church Hall. Contact: Sue Rees (01372 842300) www.oxshottchoral.org.uk

Oxshott, Esher and the Dittons NWR (National Women's Register): meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings (some Tuesday afternoons during winter) in each other's homes. Contact: Cathy Davies (01372 842085)

Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society: Meets 3rd Tuesday in month at Oxshott Village Centre (except August). Secretary: Anita Lee (07979 804668 or leea8971@gmail.com)

Oxshott Village Sports Club: Bowls, Bridge, Cricket, Cycling, Football, Netball, Padel, Pétanque, Squash, Stoolball, Tennis. All enquiries to the OVSC office: Fiona Stephen or Sarah Murphy (01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com)

Political Parties: Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives: Chair: Cathy Davies (01372 842085 or cdavies_waldegrave@yahoo.co.uk)

Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party: Secretary: Dan Parks (07860 677898 or codslabourbranch@gmail.com)

The Arts Society Claremont and Oxshott: Meets 2nd Wednesday in month (except July & August) in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon. Coach visits also organised. Contact: Anne Wallis (anne@wallis.eu.com)

The Oxshott Club: Centre of village social life; Oakshade Road. Lounge bar, snooker, pool, quiz nights; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. BT Sports channel. Open every evening; Saturday & Sunday from midday. See us on Facebook or contact Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)

Women's Institute - Oxshott Village WI: Meets 3rd Tuesday in month at 8pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)



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